

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call 233: S. 2981 To reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes—on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill—NAY; Roll Call 234: Republican Motion to Recommit H.R. 3884 With Instructions—YEA; and Roll Call 235: H.R. 3884 MORE Act—NAY.

IN TRIBUTE TO EMILIO E. LOPEZ

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Emilio E. Lopez, an icon in the Hispanic community and the City of Milwaukee. He passed away on October 31, 2020. He was 70 years old. I offer my sincere condolences to Emilio's family and have them in my thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Lopez was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, and arrived in the U.S. at the age of 3. He grew up on Milwaukee's east side with his parents and siblings. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1968 and was the Prom King. Emilio went on to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was president of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity before attending law school. Soon after, he dutifully served as the Assistant District Attorney of Milwaukee and even ran for circuit court judge and alderman; paving the way for future Latino candidates.

Realizing he wanted to work outside the confines of the courtroom, Emilio went on to empower thousands of youth in the community. Some of his notable achievements include his work as the Athletic Director of the United Community Center (UCC). He encouraged youths to stay off the streets by hosting late night basketball games and mentoring. His hard work was instrumental in the implementation of youth and drug rehabilitation programs for the Latino Community.

Emilio was also an educator and worked as the Principal of Aurora Weier Educational Center, a high school serving high risk students. He raised significant funds to renovate the former city natatorium into new classrooms, a new gymnasium, and science lab. He was President and Founder of the Felix Mantilla Little League, where he coached youths. He also served as the Associate Executive Director at the Milwaukee Christian Center (MCC) for a number of years. In his spare time, he dedicated his time to the Milwaukee Chapter of the National Latino Peace Officer Association. He was a true Milwaukee treasure and above all he was a devout husband, loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, relative and friend to many in Milwaukee.

Emilio lived a purposeful life, one of service dedicated to his community as an advocate

and leader to countless Hispanic and Latino families on Milwaukee's Southside. Emilio's positive impact and generosity knew no bounds; he was well known and respected throughout our city and was recognized as Hispanic Man of the Year in 1992 for his contributions to the community.

I am pleased to say I had the pleasure to work closely with Emilio when he served as Associate Director at the MCC and led the federally funded Youthbuild Program. He was a true Milwaukee treasure and we are all benefactors.

Madam Speaker, Emilio E. Lopez was a valued member of the Milwaukee community, the 4th Congressional District, and the entire State of Wisconsin. I applaud and value his contributions as a public servant and am pleased to honor the late Emilio E. Lopez.

HONORING MAYOR BOB SAMPAYAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Bob Sampayan in honor of the impact he had on the community of Vallejo, California during his tenure as mayor and his achievements as a public servant.

Raised in Salinas, California, Mayor Sampayan graduated from San Jose State University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He worked as a police officer in Salinas and Palo Alto before joining the Vallejo Police Department in 1985. After 27 years as a Vallejo police officer, Mayor Sampayan retired as a Sergeant to join a local non-profit, overseeing several neighborhood revitalization projects. In 2011, he returned to public service after being elected to the Vallejo City Council, where he served for four years before being elected in 2016 as the first Filipino American to serve as Mayor in the City of Vallejo.

Mayor Sampayan has had a significant impact during his years of public service. His work on the council has been vital to the development and improvement of Mare Island. While on the City Council, he also played a key role in Vallejo's financial recovery from bankruptcy and worked to create economic stability for the City. As Mayor, he has overseen an annual budget reserve of nearly \$1 million, ensuring Vallejo's fiscal wellbeing in the years to come. He has also fought for solutions to the housing crisis and to improve homelessness in Vallejo, successfully securing over \$7 million in funding to create a resource center for the unsheltered. Mayor Sampayan has been a fierce advocate of sustainable growth and development for the City, and his leadership and dedication have undoubtedly been an inspiration to those who have known him.

Madam Speaker, Mayor Sampayan is a committed public servant and outstanding leader who has dedicated his life to serving his community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER JAMES LYONS**HON. STEVE SCALISE**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Commander James Lyons for his faithful service to our country as an esteemed member of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs in the U.S. House of Representatives. In this capacity, Lieutenant Commander Lyons facilitated interaction between the Department of the Navy and Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. These engagements included, but were not limited to, formal responses to congressional inquiries, counsel to Members and staff, and execution of congressional and staff delegations. These interactions were pivotal in providing Members and staff a greater understanding of the issues facing our Navy and its sailors.

I am particularly proud to note that Lieutenant Commander Lyons planned and executed CODEL Scalise to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility to visit key U.S. allies in Central and South America in order to update Members on the role of China in the region, bilateral trade and regional trading relationships, and the role of U.S. military, security, and humanitarian aid in improving regional stability and preserving our relationships in the AOR. I am forever grateful for his leadership, persistence, and support of CODEL Scalise.

Lieutenant Lyons' distinguished career began after commissioning in the U.S. Navy from the George Washington University. After completing flight training in Pensacola, FL and Meridian, MS, Lieutenant Commander Lyons received his Wings of Gold and was assigned to Fleet Logistics Support Squadron Thirty to fly the venerable C-2 Greyhound. During his time as a "Provider", James deployed to 4th Fleet area of operations, logged 1000 flight hours, completed 89 carrier arrested landings and was named 2017 Pacific Fleet Greyhound Pilot of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I commend and thank Lieutenant Commander James Lyons on his service to the United States of America, the House of Representatives, and my office. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing him today.

HONORING YING TANG

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Ying C. Tang, who passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at the age of 92. Ying was a legend among us, part of the greatest generation who answered the call of duty and valiantly served his country to protect American values at home and abroad. In recognition of his bravery, patriotism, and commitment to preserving our liberty, Ying was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal—the highest civilian recognition granted by Congress. Ying's life embodied the greatest ideals of our nation, and

for his selfless service and sacrifice, we are forever indebted.

A true native son of Arizona, Ying was born in the back room of Sunrise Grocery Store, the family business, located at the southwest corner of Central Avenue and Indian School Road in the heart of central Phoenix. The fourth of 12 children, Ying attended Glendale High School before enlisting in the U.S. Navy at the young age of 18. He willingly served during World War II from 1945 to 1946 before returning to Arizona to build a life in the state he called home.

Upon his return to Phoenix, Ying devoted himself to the family grocery store. What started from his father's humble beginnings sparked his passion to expand the family business into a chain that served many in our community. His fidelity to family and the business they created cultivated his entrepreneurial legacy. Whether in real estate, commercial investments, retail projects, or any of his business pursuits, Ying treated his colleagues and community partners with dignity and respect as if they were his own family. He was a man of deep admiration whose spirit brought light to every room he entered, and his business success shaped future generations.

Ying was a relentlessly active member of our community who found joy from his involvement in several organizations including the Thomas Tang American Legion Post 50, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Compassionate and kind-hearted, Ying found pleasure in life's simplest gifts. From a dominoes game to a dim sum luncheon, he wove his infectious smile and kind nature into everything he did, bringing joy to all he met.

Arizona owes a debt of gratitude to Ying for his invaluable contributions to our great nation. In this spirit of remembrance, we join Ying's wife of 66 years, Catherine, and his family and loved ones to honor his legacy that will be felt for generations to come.

I thank Ying for his service, and Godspeed.

RECOGNIZING PRESIDENT DR.
MARY HINTON

HON. TOM EMMER
OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank President Dr. Mary Hinton for her service to the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. Dr. Hinton served as President of the college since 2014 and will shortly assume a new role as the 13th President of Hollins University in Virginia.

Prior to her work at the College of St. Benedict, President Hinton was a visiting faculty member for the University of Pennsylvania and Vice President for Planning and Assessment at Mount St. Mary College.

President Hinton has built her career around leading and inspiring young women. During her time at St. Ben's, which enrolls 1,700 undergraduate women, she helped raise \$100 million in funding and implemented \$43 million in campus updates, providing our community with premier facilities for teaching, learning, and promoting women's leadership.

My staff and I have greatly enjoyed working with President Hinton over the past six years,

and we are grateful for her work on behalf of her students and our community.

We were especially grateful to have her as a panelist on my first ever Young Women's Leadership Program in 2015. She shared her time and insights with young women from Minnesota's Sixth District and inspired us all.

Congratulations to President Hinton on this exciting new role. I thank her for all she has done for our community. Minnesota will miss her.

HONORING RETIRED LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER WILLIAM DC JONES

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor retired Lieutenant Commander William DC Jones of Temple, Texas as he celebrates his 100th birthday on December 11. In his century of living, LTC Jones has exemplified not only the best in service to his country, but to his community as well.

His fearless support of our country's interests abroad serves as a clear testament to his dedication to our great nation and to his commitment to serving others. During WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, LTC Jones bravely served as a pilot, aerial observer, and member of the Department of the Army Inspector General's Office. His work did not go unnoticed as he earned many awards and decorations for his patriotism including the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, and a Meritorious Service Medal.

After retiring in Temple, the very place he grew up, LTC Jones continued to service his country and community through the Temple Golden K Kiwanis Club, the Temple Community Concert Association, and civic organizations. His work speaks to the devoted and generous spirit of a man who puts the needs of others before those of himself.

I join LTC Jones' friends and family in applauding the work he has done and service he continues to provide. I wish him the happiest of birthdays and nothing but health and prosperity in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF WAYNE LEE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wayne Lee as he leaves the city council of Millbrae after serving nine years. He also served as Mayor for two terms in 2013–2014 and 2018–2019. Wayne began public service in Millbrae by serving on the planning commission for six years.

Millbrae is a town of 23,000 located across the freeway from San Francisco International Airport. Its steep hillsides hold lush trees and capture the morning fog as it spills in from the Pacific Ocean. The city boasts outstanding schools that attract families from throughout the region. People also move to Millbrae to partake in youth sports and numerous annual

festivals. These new residents mix easily with longtime residents and both create a vibrant civic life.

Wayne Lee began public service in Millbrae as an adult, but he was no stranger to helping the public. At the age of 13, he joined the civil air patrol, an auxiliary of the United States Air Force, and ultimately rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel. While living in the nearby community of Pacifica, he was appointed to the youth commission and worked hard to create the Pacifica Youth Center.

After outstanding work as a student at City College in San Francisco, Wayne graduated with a bachelor's in chemical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. He then began his career as an environmental engineer in both the public and private sectors. His goal was to assist companies in the avoidance of environmental pollution. He was very successful and retired after 28 years in the field.

As a father to Nicholas, Wayne was very active in Millbrae schools. He is the founding President of the Millbrae Education Foundation and was President of the PTA and active on the school site council. He organized the Millbrae Dog Park committee that eventually led to the creation of a special place where dogs can bring their humans so that these humans can be relieved of pandemic-induced boredom. Numerous sightings of smiles peeking out from under masks confirm that humans have benefitted immensely from Wayne's work. He is also an active member of the Millbrae Lion's Club and helped to supervise the Leos, a youth affiliate.

As a city councilmember, Wayne's priorities include the promotion of the city's business climate and youth-oriented programs. He is also deeply involved in promoting the city's public works projects, and housing is a significant priority for Wayne. He sincerely believes the city should do more to create housing for all income groups.

Wayne's work influences our region via his positions on the Executive Boards of the Association of Bay Area Governments, Peninsula Clean Energy, and the Asian Pacific Islanders Caucus. He is also a mentor to future civic leaders.

Millbrae will lose one of its biggest boosters when Wayne Lee leaves public life. He is deeply committed to ensuring that his city is diverse and a welcoming community for young and old alike. When the time comes to select a mascot for Millbrae, I'd nominate Wayne's smile. It signifies everything that is good about the city and announces that friendship is just a moment away for anyone who wishes to make this community on the Peninsula a better place for all. We all wish Wayne Lee a wonderful future in this remarkable city next to San Francisco Bay. It has been an honor to serve with him.

HONORING MAYOR JOSEPH T.
CALLINAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Mayor Joseph T. Callinan of